providing a substrate on a stage, said substrate facing downwardly from a bottomfacing surface of said stage;

positioning a slit coater having a slit nozzle adjacent to and spaced from the substrate a distance corresponding to the desired thickness of said orientation film; and spraying an orientation material having a surface tension on the substrate through the slit nozzle of the slit coater while maintaining the surface tension of the orientation material, said orientation material being coated on said stage at a speed which maintains

28. (Amended) A method of forming an orientation film on a substrate comprising:

said surface tension.

providing the substrate on a stage, said substrate facing downwardly from a bottom-facing surface of said stage;

positioning a slit coater having a slit nozzle adjacent to and spaced from the substrate a distance corresponding to the desired thickness of said orientation film;

spraying an orientation material having a surface tension on the substrate through the slit nozzle of the slit coater while maintaining the surface tension of the orientation material, said orientation material being coated on said stage at a speed which maintains said surface tension; and patterning an orientation pattern at a predetermined portion of the orientation material.

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35. (Amended) A method of forming an orientation film on a substrate, comprising:

providing the substrate on a stage, said substrate facing downwardly from a bottom-facing surface of said stage;



positioning a slit coater having a slit nozzle and an orientation material, the slit nozzle being at a predetermined distance from the substrate, and

spraying the orientation material having a surface tension on the substrate through the slit nozzle of the slit coater while maintaining the surface tension of the orientation material, said orientation material being coated on said stage at a speed which maintains said surface tension.

REMARKS

Claims 21-38 remain pending after amendment.